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## USES BINDER FOR THIRTY TWO YEARS

The story of a Deering binder, which has served during 32 harvests, been out of commission on account of breakage only an hour during that time, and cost its owner an average of 36 cents a year for upkeep is told with pride by John Zimmermann of Benton City.

Mr. Zimmermann purchased the binder in Mexico in 1890 and since that time has cut enough grain for his neighbors to pay for the machine besides cutting his own crop with it for 32 years. In that length of time he was forced to unhitch his team only once on account of breakage. This time the damage was not serious, only one of the packers being worn and in less than an hour the break was repaired and the team back at work.

An average of 30 cents a year has been paid by Mr. Zimmermann but he declares that in the length of time he has owned the binder each part which has been repaired has been merely worn and not broken.

He still has the first sickle back and first three canvases and they, as well as the machine, are in excellent condition. In 1921 he cut 28 acres of oats without having to stop but once when the elevating chain slipped.

Mr. Zimmermann says that it is a simple matter for him to give the history of this machine as no other person has ever driven it a round since he bought it.

## RUTH ROUSE BRIDE OF RUSH HILL MAN

Miss Ruth Rouse, the youngest daughter of J. W. Rouse, and Sylvian Tuepker, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Tuepker of Rush Hill were married at the home of the bride's father on Wednesday at 1:15 Saturday afternoon, the Rev. W. C. Cowart of the Methodist Church performing the ceremony.

Miss Rouse is a graduate of Mexico schools and for several years has been a teacher in the schools here. She is an extremely pretty and attractive young woman.

Mr. Tuepker is a prosperous young farmer and very well known in Mexico. They will make their home on Mr. Tuepker's farm north of Mexico.

The bride was beautifully gowned in a dark blue traveling suit and carried a bouquet of roses. The wedding was a quiet affair with only the relatives and close friends present.

Following the ceremony a delicious dinner was served. The Ledger joins the many friends of this splendid young couple in extending congratulations.

Ward Ruth of Wellsville was in Mexico Sunday.

D. L. Blanchard of Martinsburg spent Saturday in Mexico.

F. H. Sweeney of Columbia was a Mexico visitor Sunday.

Miss Bessie Smith of Mexico went to Fulton Friday to visit friends.

J. W. Wallace of Laddonia spent Sunday in Mexico.

J. B. Baker of Fulton was a Mexico visitor Sunday.

Mrs. L. J. O'Keefe is the guest of her sister, Mrs. H. A. Precht.

Elmer Powell, who is farming in Saline county, has been here the guest of his parents.

Leo Erb of Laddonia spent Sunday in Mexico.

Guy Miller of Fulton was in Mexico Sunday.

Miss Elizabeth Green, who is attending the University of Missouri, was the week-end guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Green.

Will Duckworth and daughter of Benton City, who are ill with pneumonia, were brought to Audrain Hospital Monday.

F. A. Emerson who has been visiting his brother F. W. Emerson in Mexico, left Saturday for Holiday, Mo., to assume his duties as pastor of a church there.

## FORMER A. E. F. MAN DIED IN NEBRASKA

Charles Johnson, 28 years old, a former McMillan High School boy and son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Johnson of this county, died Saturday in a hospital in North Clark, Neb. The body arrived in this city Monday night and was buried Tuesday afternoon from the home of his sister, Mrs. Everett McDonald, 2 miles south of Mexico.

He enlisted in service early in the war and served in France until the close of hostilities. He was well known in Mexico where he was popular and had many friends. Besides his parents and Mrs. McDonald, he leaves another sister, Mrs. Max Piper of this city, and three brothers: C. I. and Everett Johnson of Nebraska and Clark Johnson of Laddonia.

The funeral services will be in charge of the Rev. W. C. Cowart. The Ledger joins the many friends of the family in extending sympathy to the bereaved. A wide circle of friends will mourn the death of Charles Johnson.

## AUTO SHOW DATES NOW SET SURE

The Wilkerson Exposition Co., will have charge of the Mexico Automobile Show on March 30 and 31 and April First. This was decided at the meeting Friday evening of the local Automobile Dealer's Association. A new date was named so that it would be possible to use the new Hoxsey Garage for the show.

There will not only be space in the show for the automobile dealers but for any local merchants who desire to make displays at the show. The Wilkerson Company is experienced in putting on exhibitions of this kind having staged the Fulton, Jefferson City and Sedalia shows.

The show will be one of the biggest ever held outside of the cities in this state. The local dealers, all progressive business men, are preparing now for unusual exhibits that will be of interest to everyone. The merchants, under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce, will hold a Dollar Day sale at the same time making the event one of double attraction.

## Kemper Defeats M. M. A Tues. Score 25 to 18

The basket ball team of Missouri Military Academy was defeated by Kemper Military Academy at Hardin Gymnasium Monday evening with a score of 25 to 18.

The game was a fast one and interesting throughout. The local team was crippled by the fact that Brady and Edgerecht, two of the best players, were unable to be in the game.

Kemper has one of the fastest teams which has been seen here this year.

The game was refereed by Wacker, who acted as the official in the two games with Wentworth here last week.

M. M. A. and Kemper will play Tuesday evening.

## WALLACE WILLIAMS DIES AT HOME IN FULTON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Wallace Williams of Fulton, one of the pioneer newspaper men in Missouri, died Wednesday afternoon of pneumonia, after an illness of less than a week. Mr. Williams, affectionately known as "Duke" had been identified with the newspaper and printing business in Fulton for many years and was held in the very highest esteem and love by a large circle of friends. He is survived by his wife and one son, J. Brent Williams of St. Louis.

## FIRST CASE OF SMALL- POX IS QUARANTINED IN FULTON, MO.

The home of J. E. Maugh of Fulton was placed under quarantine Monday morning for smallpox. Mr. Maugh is the only one afflicted with the disease and he has now almost completely recovered.

READ LEDGER ADVERTISEMENTS.

## Farm Club News

If the Farm Club secretaries will send us the days of their meetings, their officers and then send us news of each meeting you will find our Farm Club Column one of the liveliest and most interesting in the state.

You can send us this news without much trouble and we are sure it will help the Farm Club movement and be of interest to readers all over the county.

Can't you give us this co-operation?

*L. Mitchell White*

## Farm Club Notes

### FARM CLUB MEETINGS (Send us your dates)

CEDAR GROVE FARM CLUB—Every Thursday night.

BEAVER DAM FARM CLUB—Every Friday night.

Molino meets every other Friday night.

MACEDONIA—First and third Wednesdays.

PISGAH—First and third Tuesdays.

PINE—First and third Mondays.

DANIEL—First and third Tuesdays.

FOX—First and Third Friday nights.

D. Miller, President, John O'Brien, Secretary.

Vote for Crawford and James at next Tuesday's election. They are the farmer Delegates.

Hickory Grove assisted by Cauthorn will hold a session of the Rumpus Gap Farm Club on the evening of Feb. 1. The real Rumpus Farm Club, which is located in the Ozarks, is known from one end of the State to the other, and through its rustic humor, it has given the Farm Club movement wide publicity.

Oak Grove and Elm Bend have hitched a horse a piece to the Farm Club wagon, and by this means the "old boat" may be expected to go some over Prairie Township. They meet the first Monday night of each month at Elm Bend and the third Monday night at Oak Grove. Oak Grove has pioneered the way in this township, it having been the only Club there at the time the County Association was formed.

We again want to call special attention to the Election next Tuesday, January 31, in regard to voting for the Delegates-at-Large. Twenty-eight names appear under this head on the ballots, and from this list the voter will vote for only fifteen by scratching the names for whom he does not wish to vote. A. J. Crawford and W. K. James are the men whom the farmers have chosen as their candidates to represent them at the Constitutional Convention, and should have the vote of the farmers and citizens at large, for certainly the agricultural interests are entitled to at least this representation. Mr. Crawford has been both a member of the Board of Directors and of the Executive Committee of the Missouri Farmers' Association for the last four years, and is a high class farmer and citizen. He is a resident of Macon County. Mr. James represents the Farm Bureau, and is a resident of Buchanan County. Don't forget these two men, their names appear near the end of the list on the ballots.

W. R. THOMPSON.

At a meeting of the directors of the Producers Grain Co., of Centralia, last week Nic Schmitt was again re-elected manager of the Club. J. M. Boyle was re-elected as President of the Board. J. G. Wagoner, Vice-President and Ves Proctor, Secretary. The usual routine of business was transacted.

The Cedar Grove Farm club has a fund of \$200 to be used as needed for the apprehension of thieves. This fund was raised about a year ago when the chickens of the members were frequently subjected to raids on the part of night visitors. Since the raising of the fund they have been no thefts and the members continued the fund for use at any future time. Other Farm Clubs will find the plan effective if they are being subjected to theft.

At the last meeting of Gatewood Farm Club C. M. Berry was elected president; Lewis Callaway, vice-president; F. L. McGee, Secretary; Elmer Gatewood, Chas. Meyers and Mrs. John Neill on the entertaining committee. Fox farm club visited at the last meeting. Carl Jesse was chosen to do the shipping for the farm club from Thompson.

## Consolidated School Planned for Rush Hill

Plans are already being made for the rebuilding of the school house at Rush Hill, which burned Monday morning. Several members of the district have been in Mexico conferring with Ed C. Offutt, county superintendent, on the advisability of enlarging the school district to include Eureka, Walker, Erisman and other surrounding districts and building a consolidated school.

At the regular meeting of the school board which was held Monday evening it was decided to hold school for the remainder of the year in a church and one room in a private home. The loss on the building is approximately \$1,500. The insurance was the same amount so the damage of the fire was \$3,000.

## MELLON WARNS CONGRESS ON THE BONUS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Secretary of the Treasury Mellon remains opposed to the soldier's bonus stating in a letter to Chairman Fordney that there will be no available funds left for this in the next two years and that such funds will have to be raised by further taxation.

He says there may be a deficit. That the cost of the bonus for 2 years would be about \$850,000,000. The public debt at this time is 23 billion dollars. He stated he could not estimate how much extra taxation would be required to meet the bonus needs.

## CLERKS AND JUDGES FOR DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY CHOSEN TUESDAY

The Central Democratic Committee for Mexico met at the City Hall Tuesday afternoon and selected clerks and judges for the primary which will be held February 6. They are:

First Ward: Judges, G. N. Johnson and John T. Crews; clerks, Sam D. Byrns, T. A. Threlkeld.

Second Ward: Judges, J. D. Greer, Wash McKerr; clerks, Robert Wright, Mrs. J. G. Greer.

Third Ward: Judges, X. P. Ball, C. Bledsoe; clerks, T. H. Marshall, Ed Lee.

Fourth Ward: J. H. Lane; William Vivian; clerks, H. C. McClure, George Clanton.

The committee passed a resolution that none would be eligible to vote in this primary who did not vote for the Democratic ticket for president in 1920.

## NEGRO WOMAN BOOT- LEGGED FINED AND GIVEN JAIL SENTENCE TUESDAY

Juanita Jacobs, the negro woman who was arrested here Monday on the charge of violating the prohibition law, pled guilty in the justice court before R. B. Hooton Tuesday and was fined \$100 and costs and sentenced to sixty days in the Audrain County jail.

## 350 Attend Supper.

Three hundred and fifty persons attended the seventeenth annual Kingdom of Callaway supper which was held in Fulton Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Nevins of Centralia were called to Mexico Monday on account of the serious illness of Calvin Wheeler.

Jas. Deaver and family of Molino, have moved to this city to make their home. The Ledger joins in welcoming them to Mexico.

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## \$27,630.16 IN CITY TREASURY JANUARY 1, 1922

The semi-annual report of Wallace Deering, city clerk, shows a balance on hand of \$27,630.16 at the beginning of 1922. The balance on hand July 1, 1921 was \$19,298.06. The treasury receipts for the last six months amounted to \$78,767.39 and the warrants drawn to \$5,137.13.

The balances on hand in the various funds January 1 was as follows:

General fund	\$4,790.83
Special light fund	3,610.68
Vehicle fund	22.74
Library fund	790.91
Cemetery fund	232.76
Septic tank fund	6,377.17
Septic tank building fund	9,806.07
Drinking fountain fund	1,000.00
Corn show fund	1,000.00

The indebtedness of the city is as follows:

Payable August 14, 1921 \$3,250 at 6 1/2 per cent.
December 17, 1921, \$5,000 at 7 per cent.
December 17, \$5,000 at 8 per cent.

During the last six months the city paid off two notes, one for \$6,582.60 and one for \$5,108.09.

The disbursements were as follows: Officers salaries, \$5,703.20; street work and materials, \$8,809.32; fire department, \$1,007.75; water and light, \$5,385.47; charity, \$65.07; park and cemetery, \$990.50; upkeep of city hall, \$389.99; printing and books, \$208.77; library, \$1,063.37; miscellaneous, \$27,523.69.

## RESOURCES OF AUDRAIN BANKS \$6,027,859.50

The resources of the fourteen banks of Audrain County as shown by the statements issued recently total \$6,027,859.50. Of this amount \$3,777,439.10 represents the resources of the banks in Mexico.

The deposits of the banks, including individual deposits subject to check and time certificates of deposit amount to \$3,972,708.21. The amount of loans on real estate by the banks in the county is \$395,963.49. Of this amount over half of the loans were made by the banks in Mexico.

Following are the figures on the resources and deposits of every bank in the county according to their statements issued December 31, 1921:

First National Bank Resources \$632,427.46.

Southern Bank of Mexico Resources \$950,859.88.

North Missouri Trust Company Resources \$1,216,784.73.

Mexico Savings Bank Resources \$977,447.80.

Farmers' Bank of Laddonia Resources \$281,680.94.

Bank of Laddonia Resources \$153,373.38.

Martinsburg Bank Resources \$237,686.92.

Citizens' Bank of Benton City Resources \$99,471.99.

Bank of Rush Hill Resources \$166,866.85.

Molino Bank Resources \$29,072.80.

Bank of Thompson Resources \$69,791.37.

Exchange Bank of Vandalia Resources \$251,223.35.

Vandalia Banking Association Resources \$1,011,152.06.

Farber Bank Resources \$49,482.73, deposits \$31,267.91.

## SCHOOL OF MISSIONS BEING HELD AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

A church school of missions is being conducted at the Christian church every Sunday evening from 6:30 to 7:30, preceding the evening's service. There are five sections, two of which are studying foreign missions and the other three home missions. The leaders of the sections are: Junior, Mrs. Margaret Eisenberg; intermediate, Mrs. C. F. Johnson; young people, Miss Edna Lindel; women, Mrs. Roy Ferris; men, F. W. Emerson. The school will continue for eight weeks.

The attendance for the three evenings the school has been in session has been over 200.

W. J. Spanton, state inspector in vocational agriculture, visited that department of McMillan High School Saturday.

Frank J. Rodgers has returned to his home in Mexico after a short visit in Columbia.

Rosa Wagner, who has been ill, is better.

Wallace Pock of Molino was a Mexico visitor Thursday.

Harper Rudasill of Paris was a Mexico visitor Saturday.

Mrs. Frank Bell of Laddonia, who underwent an operation as Amanda Hospital Saturday morning, is doing nicely.

## MAY HAVE INCINERATOR PLANT HERE

A motion for the city attorney to draw up an ordinance providing for the issuance of bonds or a tax levy for the purpose of building an incinerator plant for Mexico was passed by the City Council at the regular meeting Monday evening. The motion was made by W. J. Sannebeck.

A protest against the changing of the curb line on south Washington street was presented and on the motion of M. T. Vandegrift was accepted and filed.

Bills to the amount of \$922.18 were allowed.

It was moved by Mr. Sannebeck that the water and light committee be instructed to investigate and report ways of extending the water main on W. Jackson street.

An ordinance providing for an amendment to the ordinance relating to the fees and salaries of appointive offices was given two readings. This amendment provided that the police judge receive \$30 a month in lieu of all fees collected by him and paid into the city treasury.

An ordinance providing for a district sewer on W. Jackson street was given two readings.

## THE CON CON BALLOTS ARE PUBLISHED

The publication of the Constitutional Convention ballots by the County Court appeared this week in the Vandalia Mail and the Laddonia Herald. Inasmuch as these two estimable publications have practically no circulation in this section of the county or Western Audrain the Ledger will make a short announcement concerning the ballots in order that the voters may have an intelligent understanding concerning them.

The ballot for the delegates at large has twenty-eight names upon it with only fifteen delegates to be elected. The first fifteen names are the fusion candidates named jointly by the State committees of the Democratic and Republican state committees.

Therefore all names must be scratched on the ballot but fifteen. On the ballot for the delegates from the eleventh Senatorial district there is but one name and the Republican candidate and the Democratic, the only two are on separate ballots. You cannot write a name on any of these ballots. Likewise no absentee ballots will be used as the Attorney General has ruled they are not legal in an election of this kind.

## MERCURY DROPS TO SIX ABOVE THURS. MORNING

Mufflers and turned-up coat collars were in order Thursday morning for the mercury stood at six degrees above zero at 7 o'clock which was the coldest of any morning this season. Wednesday morning at the same time it was twenty degrees above. The highest temperature Wednesday was thirty-two degrees above between 12 and 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

At 9:30 Wednesday night, the wind which had been in the east all day, shifted to the northeast and the mercury started to fall rapidly. There had been no apparent rise in temperature by 10 o'clock Thursday morning.

Moves to Fulton

Mrs. W. H. Rixey and daughter, Miss Frances, have moved to Fulton and taken an apartment there. Mrs. Rixey's sons, Harold and Sims, will make their home with her.

Dies Tuesday Morning

Tom Ellington died at 7 o'clock Tuesday morning at the farm of J. T. Johnson two miles northwest of Mexico, after a short illness of pneumonia. He was about 35 years old.

## V. T. HULEN HAS COME BACK HOME

V. T. Hulen, missing cashier of the Bank of Thompson, appeared at the office of Sheriff Chal Blum Tuesday morning and gave himself up. He was accompanied by his father, W. T. Hulen, of Centralia, and an attorney. Hulen refused to make a statement as he had been advised not to talk.

He disappeared from Thompson about December second. When he left he was presumably going to St. Louis on business and took nothing with him except what would be needed for a day's stay in the city. It is understood that he has been in Detroit, Mich., a part of the time he was absent.

Hulen, who is a Centralia boy, was well known in Mexico and had always enjoyed a splendid reputation. He has a wife and baby.

The date for the preliminary hearing will be February first. Bond was placed at \$1,000 for each of the six charges against Mr. Hulen, and on failure to give it he was turned over to the Sheriff here. The charges are one for embezzlement and five for forgery.

## Bride Of Less Than a Year Asks Divorce

The suit of Esther Greenburg vs. Edward Greenburg for divorce has been filed in the Audrain County Circuit Court. The plaintiff was married to the defendant Feb. 23, 1921 and left him Sept. 25, 1921. In the petition the ground of mistreatment is given. The suit was filed less than one year after the marriage.

Other cases which have been put on the March docket of the court are:

E. W. Winn vs. Charles G. Holland, action for moneys.

Byrne and Hammer Dry Goods Company of St. Louis vs. Butts Putnam Mercantile Company of Vandalia, suit on account.

W. H. Logan vs. A. R. Bushnell et al, suit to cancel deed of trust and quiet title.

Joe Considine et al vs. V. T. Hulen, suit on account and to enforce mechanics lien.

Mabel E. Householder vs. Henry Trant et al, suit on attachment.

Swift and Company vs. H. H. Sturgeon, suit on note.

Coatsworth Lumber Company vs. Henry Dean et al, suit to enforce mechanics lien.

T. J. Hoxsey vs. Jack Puls et al, suit on note.

Molino Bank vs. M. B. Ridgeway et al, suit on note.

## McMillan Plays Two Games Friday

The boys' basket ball team of McMillan High School defeated the boys' team of University High School of Columbia in Hardin Gymnasium Friday evening with a score of 48 to 8. The lineup for McMillan at the beginning of the game was as follows:

Dunn and Thomas, forwards; Reed, center; Haycraft and Moran, guards. In the second half six substitutions were made by McMillan.

The girls' team of McMillan was defeated by the girls' team of Troy High School with a score of 18 to 12. The McMillan lineup was as follows:

Ruth Ridgeway and Ruth Rodhouse, forwards; Waldene Barnes, jumping center; Blanch Roberts, running center; Gerone Stanberry and Catherine Crews, guards. A return game with Troy will be played there February 3.

Both games were refereed by Captain J. C. Stoy.

Elgin Forsee of Fulton came to Mexico Monday.

Guy Miller of east of Fulton returned Monday after a short visit to Fulton.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Robertson will leave this week for Florida to spend the remainder of the winter.

Harper Rudasill of Paris was a Mexico visitor Saturday.